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NEW CHURCH.

The new building now being erected on the N. W. cor. Dolphin and Etting Sts., will be occupied in October by the Congregation which now Worship in the Old Sharp St. Church on Sharp St. between Lombard and Pratt Sts. The new building will cover the entire lot which is 91 feet 6 inches by 90 feet 5 inches and will be two stories in height. The exterior walls are all faced with woodstock granite and lined on the inside with brick. The building is designed in perpendicular gothic with a tower 25 feet square and 85 feet high at corner. The plan is cruciform having gables on each of the four faces. The basement which is partially below and partially above the street grade contains lecture room, primary class room and 6 class rooms which can all be thrown into one large room of 4264 square feet floor space by means of sliding doors. There is also on this floor a library, kitchen, and two toilet rooms. The auditorium which is on the second floor, is arranged in amphitheater style with circular sloping floor and has a seating capacity of about 700, the pastor's study is also located on this floor. There is a circular gallery around three sides of the church with a seating capacity of about 500. A trustee or board room is located on level of gallery and has a fire-proof safe built into walls of same. The pastor's and trustee's rooms are furnished with open fire places. The auditorium will have open timbered roof with woodwork of Gulf Cypress and quartered white oak. The choir and organ is located in alcove back of pulpit.

The building is to be lighted by electricity and heated by steam and will have a slate roof. There are four stairways leading from basement to gallery, one located at each corner of the building making ample means of ingress and egress.

The north, south and east walls of auditorium will each be pierced by a group of three large traceried windows, the center one being 13 ft. wide and 27 1/2 ft. high. The side ones being 5 ft. high by 13 1/2 ft. high. These windows will be fitted with opalescent glass in rich designs to correspond with general style of architecture.

Mr. E. M. Noel is the builder and Mr. A. H. Bieler, the architect. Ground was broken Feb. 9th, and cornerstone laid March 24th, building is to be completed and ready for occupancy Oct. 15th, 1898.

THE CASE STATED.

Since the work of building the new church is now well under way it may not be amiss to review some of the circumstances which have surrounded our case from the beginning of the struggle. For fifteen or twenty years our people have been agitating the question of a new church but the first definite move in that direction was made in September 1886, by the purchase of a lot on Lexington St. For reasons well known the purpose to build thereon was abandoned. Some eight or ten other sites were, at various times, under more or less serious consideration but in each instance there were drawbacks which forestalled action. These impediments seemed to work greatly to our disadvantage, as evidenced in the discouragements to which they gave rise. As the result many persons, including some of our best workers declared that they would do nothing in the way of lending financial support to any new church project until the circumstance portended better issue. Looked at from a human standpoint there may be much in the past to regret, but we do well to bear in mind that God often leads us by

strange, mysterious paths. For aught we know the hindrances and draw backs we have encountered, from time to time, were Providentially ordered. We are inclined to think so. Have we not been in the position of the worker in brass and iron who, in many cases, must make a number of castings before he succeeds in getting the desired model? When we contemplate the advantages in favor of the new site over all that have occupied our notice hitherto, we conclude that the delays, disappointments, vexation of mind and expenditure of money have been blessings in disguise. Slowly we have come at last to our long desired haven. Now let us improve our opportunity.

The members of our congregation, unlike many others, have not, for several years past, been burdened with financial obligations, owing to the fact that we have had sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the board of trustees, so that we have not been required to come before them for collections. But the situation is different now. We have upon our hands an enterprise of such magnitude that our energies and means will be heavily drawn upon to carry it

successfully forward. In order to raise the money so urgently needed we will be compelled to make personal sacrifice from day to day. Each one will have to reach down into his pockets and give till he feels it. Something may be realized from entertainments of various kinds, but experience warns us against placing too much reliance upon them. They are spasmodic and, therefore, an uncertain quantity. If we would pay our bills according to agreement and thereby maintain our standing for business integrity before the public, we must see to it that we provide for a stated amount to be paid regularly into the treasury.

We think we have not been extravagant in deciding upon the amount to be expended towards the completion of the new church. We have endeavored to keep within the limit fixed at the outset.

We believe that when the extent and quality of the work is considered there will be discovered ample justification for the outlay. It is just such an edifice as we were instructed to contract for and we think nothing is ventured by saying that most everybody will be pleased with it after its completion. We can look upon it with some measure of honest pride and hand it down, without blushing to our children and the generations following. We regret that there are to be found, here and there, persons who seem indisposed to give towards the fund on account the erroneous notion that the sale of the old Sharp St. property would provide sufficient money to cancel the debt for the new building, and probably leave a fair balance in our favor. Such persons are sadly mistaken. While we naturally desire to sell for as large amount as we can command, yet it would be unreasonable to expect to get anything like what some unfamiliar with the real estate market imagine. We are sure that after a sale has been made on the best possible basis, there will still be a considerable sum to be raised by us in order to be able to cancel the debt. We hope none have concluded to wait until the building is finished before paying some part of the whole amount they intend to give towards it. Since we are bound to pay about one half of the estimated cost of the work in monthly installments until the date of completion, such withholding of means in the hands of our people might subject us to some embarrassment. We, therefore, entreat all who wish to see the work advance without vexing delay, to aid us by coming forward with

monthly payment of subscriptions. We have never thought of taxing any one. We go no further than to present the facts concerning the state of the work in order that all may be properly informed, and so be prepared to appreciate their opportunity to lend their cooperation.

We point out the obligation and summons our members and friends by the love they bear to Christ and his Church, to lay their gifts upon this hallowed altar. If you have the spirit of devotion now is the time to show it, not by words only, but in deed and in truth. Let no one shirk his post while duty loudly calls. Fly your colors from the mast head of the old time honored ship, close up ranks and all together strike one mighty blow for the freedom from debt of our beautiful Sharp Street Memorial. We have confidence in you that you will not disappoint us. Let us, in the name of God, push on to victory.

COST OF NEW CHURCH

E. M. Noel, Main Contractor	\$43,214.00
Crook, Horner & Co., heating and ventilating,	3,177.00
John Trainor, plumbing,	847.08
Kingsbury, Samuel & Co.,	598.43
For above items contracts have been signed and the parties are under bond to complete the work for the sum named.	
The following items have been estimated for Seating, Cathedral Glass, Organ and Architect, Carpets and contingencies.	
	8,100.00
	\$55,936.51
Cost of Lot,	11,375.00
Total Cost of Church and Lot,	67,311.00

We are obliged to pay \$28,968.25 in monthly instalments, between the beginning of the work and the 13th of October, the time the work is to be completed. We had in hand \$15,000 balance of the loan which shows that we have to raise about \$14,000 by the middle of October, in order to meet our obligations.

HOW WE EXPECT TO RAISE THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

We have entered upon the following Plan: we have organized the church into ten divisions, under ten commanders, each division divided into ten com-

panies, with a captain for each company.

We were hopeful by this means to enlist in the work, among the members and congregation from 800 to 1000 persons, each person averaging \$2.00 per month, would bring us out handsomely. We do not wish to be understood as calculating that every body will be able to pay \$2 per month, but we are quite certain that there are a number who could pay more than \$2 per month and thus help their less fortunate neighbors.

We find there are some who do not take to this kind of organization and in order to meet the wishes or views of such people, there will be frequent invitations during our Sunday services for such persons to come forward and add their names to the ROLL OF HONOR, by contributing as much money as they can spare, and it is earnestly hoped that everyone will become supporters of the work in one way or the other.

It is our aim to take the names of all persons contributing and give them credit whether their contributions come through the companies or otherwise.

ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.

It believed the Church has been fortunate in the selection of the architect and builder. As an artist, uniting excellent taste with sound judgement and practical skill, careful supervision and affable manners, Mr. Bieler stands deservedly high in his profession.

It is, perhaps, too early to pass finally upon the merit of the work he is urging toward completion, but we venture the prediction that its success will add to his growing reputation.

Rare faithfulness in executing his contracts in strict accordance with the letter and spirit, has brought Mr. Noel to the front.

He has a thorough knowledge of the business and, although, quiet and unassuming he keeps things moving at a lively pace. He has on hand the contracts for two or three other new churches in the city.

ONWARD.

Our Generals and Captains are working with commendable faith and determination. Enthusiasm blazes along the the line. Members and friends show readiness to enlist heartily in urging forward the noble struggle. Words of good cheer are heralded from many sources.

THE APPEAL,

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Do something. The idle church member is a traitous character in whose hands the King's business is never safe. Christ's true ambassador is ever zealous of good works

Some people talk much and do little, others indulge sparingly in talk and do all they can. To which class do you belong?

You do not venture because of conscious lack of ability. Take Mrs. Catherine Booth's advice: "You go and put your hand to the plough, and He will give you strength to push it along."

It may be that you are not called to lead. What then? Do not grow sour and fret. Do not become an obstructionist, but try to prove your self a good follower. For the victory won at Manila, the privates received the thanks of the Government and were voted Medals. Merit is more than position.

Circulate THE APPEAL. A copy should be upon the table in every home within the bonds of our membership. Read it and then pass it around among your friends; it will do good wherever it is given an opportunity to be heard.

Why not a monument for Nick Biddle, the first negro who wore the "BLUE" in this State and whose blood was almost, if not the first, which was shed in the late civil war? He accompanied the Washington Artillery, a Pennsylvania Company, mobbed while passing through Baltimore, enroute to Washington, D. C. Biddle, was made a target because he was "a nigger in uniform". He was struck on the head and face with bricks and stones which caused the blood to flow in profusion. He survived the brutal attack, however, and went "marching on". Religion and patriotism unite in giving high sanction to the practice of commemorating true heroism whether found among white men or black men.

Baltimore of 1898 is not the Baltimore of '61'. A mighty change has come over the place. Only a few days ago white men and white women, born upon Maryland soil, were seen cheering Capt Spencer's Company of colored soldiers on the way to Camp Wilmer. It is a long way from a salute with stones and a salute with waving handkerchiefs. Color-prejudice is growing less dominant. Like slavery which gave it birth, it is destined to pass away. It cannot long hold out against the potent light of the twentieth century; blasted and effete it will be regaled to the past from which it will not soon emerge.

THE APPEAL.

The desire to keep our members and friends correctly informed with regard to the work on the new church and to stimulate more wide spread and intense interest in carrying forward our plans for raising money, to be applied on the debt, led the trustees to consider the propriety of issuing a monthly paper. After much prayerful study of the subject, it was decided to send forth THE APPEAL. It starts upon its mission imbued with a profound sense of the responsibility imposed, not that it involves a journalistic venture, for the field of its circulation is local and the matters with which it is to deal, hardly rise to the dignity of editorial treatment. It has an humble place to fill but the consequences may, nevertheless, be far reaching, hence our concern.

The erection of a church, in the city or country, costing much or little, under the auspices of any denomination, is a most important undertaking in its bearing upon the vital welfare of the community and, therefore, has just claim upon the public for moral support, which may not be slightly regarded.

We are happy to know that the enterprise on whose behalf THE APPEAL is to speak has been so generally approved. The location, the architectural design, and the material employed, have been commended in strong terms from sources which deserve respect.

The policy of THE APPEAL will be to let no opportunity pass unimproved to advance the interest it is called to subserve. To this end we ask the co operation of all our readers and of those to whose attention the needs of the work may be brought, from time to time.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

We believe it the plain duty of all who have at heart the welfare of mankind to resolutely oppose Sunday Excursions. They are unquestionably harmful in their effects and tendencies, and are not to be toyed with because, sometimes, they are given under the auspices of churches to raise money for current expenses, or by persons connected with the church whose object is private gain. Sabbath desecration, in whatever guise it may appear, is not a thing to be trifled with; it is a dangerous explosive charged with disaster and death. Its presence is a serious menace to the permanency of our Christian institutions. Blot out the Sabbath from our escutcheon and the surrender of our place in the van of Nations will soon follow. We hope to see the moral and religious forces of our city, without regard to denominational lines, united in a firm, bold stand against the pernicious evil. THE APPEAL is far from advocating the placing of lawful forms of recreation under interdiction. We rather encourage such diversions and amusements which tend to invigorate and strengthen man's powers for action. We enjoy the sunshine, we delight in exercise, we have a fond attachment for field sports and felicitate ourself upon the privilege of a stroll through the wood when the fragrance of wild flowers are borne upon the passing breeze and the song of birds come forth from the shady bowers. But many things

are proper on week days which are out of place on the Lord's day. We must intelligently discriminate. Rest assured that obedience to God's law can in no way abridge the pleasures of man. Use the Sabbath but do not abuse it. Hallow it by the proper observance of its sanctions. Let the steamboat remain tied up at the pier and let the railroad engine enjoy its well-earned rest in the company's round house. Stay at home on the holy Sabbath for rest and worship.

SHARP ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A GLANCE BACKWARDS.

The first Superintendent was Mr. William Joanson, who from his small statue, was nick named "Fippenny-bit Johnson." He continued as Superintendent until May 25, 1841, when a number of members withdrew from Sharp Street and built a frame structure at the corner Howard and Montgomery Sts. forming an A. M. E. Zion Congregation. He was among those who left. Mr. Emanuel Mitchell was at the time appointed Superintendent, which position he held for 33 years. The teachers who remained under Mr. Mitchell after the split were Harrison Webb, Asbury Jones, David P. Jones and Mrs. Nancy Jacobs. Mr. Mitchell also named another teacher who joined the school when a little girl, Miss Mary Jane Smith, who afterwards married a man by the name of Brown. She continued to teach for many years afterwards and now lives at Mt. Winans, Baltimore, Co.

The literature then used in the school were the Bible, Church Catechism, Methodist Union Sunday School Hymn Book, John Comley's Speller and the A B C Card for the primary department.

The first note book was introduced into the school by Miss Annie E. Carr, now Mrs. William I. Butler, Sr., the wife of our ex-superintendent.

The school anniversaries were held every 4th of July; the scholars brought their baskets of cakes and pies and other good things which suited their fancies.

At the organization of the Washington Conference, October 27th, 1864, the school was still under the superintendency of Emanuel Mitchell. The secretary at that time was Perry Greenwood and the late Joshua MacGill, treasurer.

The first female superintendent after the organization of the conference was Miss Mary A. Merberly. The first organ was purchased for the school in 1868, at a cost of \$175.00. The first organist was Miss Adeline Wells, then a scholar in the school. The first chorister employed by the school was Thos. Cooper, and the first school concert was given by him. From that time on the school continued to grow spiritually, morally and intellectually. This brings us up to 1874 when Elijah L. S. Johnson was elected superintendent, and continued in office for three years. He was the first man to introduce flowers into the school.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Make holiness your supreme object here, if you expect reward for service, hereafter.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

For more than a year the envelope system has been in operation in our Church. A few persons opposed it on the start but its advantages were so manifest after the experiment had been given a trial, that none are now heard to speak against it.

The envelopes are put up in packs of 52, each envelope in the pack having the same number. These packs are consecutively numbered so that each contributor has his or her individual number which is placed opposite the name on the book. As the envelopes come in weekly the proper credit is given and it can then be seen at a glance the exact amount each person pays into the treasury, for the support of the current expenses of the Church.

The system does away with the cumbersome practice of putting out the table and then consuming a large portion of the time allotted for the service in persuading the people to come forward with their offerings. It discourages the vanity which prompts one to give merely to make a show in parading up and down the aisles. It rescues Christian giving from uncertain, fluctuating impulse and places it on the scriptural basis of definite, stated exercise regulated by principle.

Our members and friends are to be congratulated upon the favorable outcome of the new plan, up to the present. It should be remembered, however, that there is room for improvement. We ought to be able to secure much better results in the future.

Every member of the Church and Congregation ought, as far as possible, contribute weekly to the support of the Church though the envelope system. The reason why the finances of Churches so often drag heavily is because so many persons are grossly negligent respecting the duty of giving, or if they give at all, give stingily. To become "unfinancial" in the Societies is to forfeit the right to share in the benefits. Do persons forfeit nothing by withholding their money from the Church when they are able to give; if not, why not?

The officary is largely responsible for the efficient working of the plan adopted. United, persistent effort on the part of the members of the Quarterly Conference will ensure success, however great the difficulties to be overcome. Let there be no relaxation of exertion. Partial success in the prosecution of any scheme should not induce inaction. Vigilance, constant devotion and resolute performance are necessary in order to make a grand achievement here, as in other business undertakings.

The Southwestern Christian Advocate, published weekly at New Orleans, La., by the M. E. Book Concern is the official organ for our Conference. Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., a man of fine scholarly attainments is the editor. He wields a forcible pen and is succeeding grandly in making a paper that is a credit to the whole church. If you want to learn concerning what is going on within your own church throughout the world, subscribe for the Southwestern, \$1.25 a year in advance.

GO FORWARD.

REV. G. W. W. JENKINS, P. E.

No one can review the history of this grand, old Church without feeling his heart thrill with gratitude unto God for her splendid record of glorious achievements starting almost with the opening of the century. Memory will delight long to linger about the old site around which gather so many endearing associations. Nor could we ever think of exchanging it for another were it not for the changes that have taken place in last fifteen or twenty years. It is no longer convenient to the majority of the members of the congregation, who now live at a long distance, so that to remain there indefinitely would mean slow disintegration and death. Many rejoiced last Fall when it became known that a new site at the cor. Dolphin and Etting Streets, had been purchased and that a beautiful stone edifice, fully up to the standard of modern architectural taste was to be erected thereon. When you pass this spot now you will see the walls rising steadily under the skillful hands of the workmen on a foundation broad and deep and firm.

I have no doubt but that when completed, the building will not only reflect credit upon the very deserving congregation and the great Methodist denomination, but at the same time, honor the race by showing its ability to accomplish something in the line of building worthy the highest admiration among men.

I regard it a stupendous undertaking which will exact much hard work and large sacrifice from those to whose hands it had been committed. But knowing as I do that they do not want for competent leadership, and that the rank and file are stirred with intense enthusiasm. I entertain no doubt as to the speedy victory. My heart goes out to the pastor and his noble band of followers in the noble struggle, and my prayer is that wisdom and strength from above may be given them in abundant manner. Let no one become frightened because of the debt to be lifted. God holds the key to inexhaustible means and if we trust Him there will be a sure way out. I believe in the concentration of forces in order to success.

Bismark, once said to his German subjects, desiring to show them how to conquer; "Let all Germans come under this one hat." We must be of one spirit, one in prayer, one in faith, one in loyalty and financial interest, if we would win. Let none falter. Meet difficulties bravely, make sacrifices in a joyous spirit. Pray, sing and shout while you labor, keeping your eyes on the sparkling crown which awaits you "over there."

Stand by your pastor, stand by the trustees, stand by the traditions of old Sharp Street Church, and, of course, you will not fail to stand faithfully by the work of the new Sharp Street Memorial Church with your prayers, your time and your money. I believe the sentiment of the community is with you. Go forward! Unite soul-saving with money-getting. Care for the needy, seek out those who have gone astray, gather in the children and compel old and young to come where "Still there is room."

DIVISIONS.

- Division No. 1.**
 General, Nicholas Matthews, Sr.
 Captains, F. A. Tasker,
 Joseph Fooks,
 Charlotte Wilson,
 Susan Jefferson,
 Mary Staten,
 Jane Coleman,
 George Brown,
 Howard Wilson,
 Nicholas Matthews, Jr.
 Samuel Raisin.
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 General, Alex. Robinson,
 Captains, J. W. Jackson,
 Rebecca Hall,
 Ida Jenkins,
 Ellza Cole,
 Mildred Morris,
 Annie C. Chew,
 Sophia Johnson,
 Francis Dorsey,
 Annie Duffin.
- Div. No. 3.**
 General, Grant E. Biddle,
 Captains, G. T. Duffin,
 M. L. Smith,
 Florena Kerr,
 N. H. Wright,
 Jennie Ross,
 Maggie Parker.
- Div. No. 4.**
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 Captains, Annie Smothers,
 Dr. C. H. Weems,
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 Rev. H. S. Watson,
 Jennie Warren,
 Mrs. Lloyd King,
 Nettie Tabbs,
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 Annie E. Perkins,
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 C. T. Wright,
 Albert Price,
 Evans Wilson,
 John Hardy,
 Wm. H. Hardy.
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 Captains, Katie Nedab,
 Laura Garrett,
 Annie A. Durand,
 Isaac H. Howard,
 T. R. Ovelton,
 W. I. Butler, Jr.,
 T. H. Evans.
- Div. No. 7.**
 General, J. C. Johnson,
 Captains, John H. Bell,
 Richard Brooks.
- Div. No. 8.**
 General, Levi Kelley,
 Captains, John H. Roles,
 John Hughes,
 Geo. Wilks,
 Robert H. Clark,
 John Augustus,
 Mrs. M. Minor,
 Aararat Williams,
 Alverta Lee,
 Mary E. Purnell.
- Div. No. 9.**
 General, T. G. Marshall,
 Captains, John E. Brown,
 Chas. Coats,
 Isaac Fooks,
 V. C. Hardy,
 Sam'l Harris.
- Div. No. 10.**
 General, Basil Hutchins,
 Captains, Annie Brown,
 Wm. Oscar Johnson,
 Josephine Anderson,
 W. W. Cook,
 Geo. Towson,
 A. A. Spriggs,
 J. C. Fortie,
 R. J. Williams,
 A. Ennis.

SHARP STREET CHOIR.

Sharp Street has never been without a choir. Abraham Richardson was made Chorister at the organization in 1802. After filling the position creditably for 28 years, he was succeeded by Richard Hiner. He held the place for 12 years rendering very acceptable service. Then came William Carr, under whose assiduous labors the choir won an enviable distinction among lovers of music. For thirty years he swung the baton to the delight and edification of all the worshippers. Principally through his instrumentality, a Melodeon was purchased, which proved of great assistance to the singers. Venerable in years and saintly in life he recalls with pleasure, the years spent directing the service of song in the Sanctuary. Mr. Carr was succeeded by the late John S. Simpson who was choister for 16 years. His abilities were of an high order and as might naturally have been expected he made the choir more famous than ever. During his leadership, the pipe organ was added. Wm. E. Simpson was next to assume charge. He has held the place continuously since, except an interval of about 3 years, when Thomas R. Ovelton, was choister. At present, the choir not only sustains the honors of former years but constantly adds to its laurels.

We append the names of persons who at one time have been members of the choir. Many of them have gone to that beautiful land where they sing before the throne of the Lamb.

Wm. Watkins, Lemuel G. Griffin, Isaac Webster, London Hill, Josiah Henson, Jas. Butler, Ruben R. White, S. B. Hebrue, John Davis, George Kelly, Wm. Gibson, Agustus Sevoy, Chester Wilson, Richard E. Owens and Son, Jacob Bishop, Geo. W. Milbourn, Chas. Lee, Jos. Green, Aaron Taylor, Benj. Fleetwood, Benj. Ferguson, Samuel Hiner, Isaac Myers, Henry W. Martin, Rachel F. Morsell, Ellen Davis, Mary E. Jones, Susan Burgess, Elijah Bradox, Mary Myers, Catherine Stewart, Annie Ockemy, Caroline Kelley, Cecelia Savoy, Prudence Garner, Martha Bradox, Susan Bradox, Susan Ochemy, Elizabeth Fowler, Mary Cook, Madame Mahoney, Francis Vinson, Kate Simpson, Nancy Wells, E. Paraway, Jane Hutchins, Rosey Cook, Georgia Turner, and Susie Wilson. There are others but we have not space for them at present. For the above items we are indebted to Mr. L. M. Nicholson, who has served as assistant choister.

The Washington Annual Conference was organized by the General Conference of 1864. In the same year, Oct. 27th the first session was held in Sharp St. Church, Bishop Levi Scott, presiding. At the meeting in Cumberland last March after thirty years of successful struggle, the body took action looking to putting a memorial gothic window in the new Church, to commemorate the starting place. The matter was referred to a committee composed of the Presiding Elders. We sincerely hope they may have the thorough cooperation of all the pastors and people in raising the money necessary to defray the expense of the laudable undertaking.

THE WOMEN AT WORK.

The devotion of the women to Church-work, in its manifold forms is truly admirable; there is nothing spasmodic or transient about it. The element of continuity pervades their purpose and they are not wanting in intuition for finding out devices to help forward their plans for the advancement of a good cause. We give a practical illustration. On the 22nd of April Mr. Cabel and Elizabeth P. Callaway, 1017 Druid Hill Ave., celebrated their Silver Wedding. The arrangements were left to Mrs. Callaway and this is the way they were carried out. Cards of invitation were sent to a number of friends several days before with the announcement that no presents would be received, but instead a silver offering for the new church would be acceptable.

The evening was fair and the spacious parlors were filled with guests.

The bride and groom were handsomely dressed and appeared to be happy in the review of a quarter of century of delightful companionship. The occasion was inspiring.

In the hall there stood upon the table a box adorned with a cover of silver paper, near which burned a candle, mounted upon a silver candle stick in the form of a light house signal. Here the offerings were deposited which amounted to nearly twenty dollars. Under the circumstances this was a very beautiful and appropriate celebration. The example is worthy of imitation.

A NOTE OF GOOD CHEER.

Rev. J. Lanahan, D. D.

I deemed it a great privilege to participate, in company with ex-mayor Latrobe, and Rev. Dr. Lyon in the laying of the cornerstone of your new church, so long and greatly needed because your people are now so far removed from their present house of worship.

Old Sharp Street is one of the oldest remaining monuments of early Methodism in Baltimore, dating back to 1802. It has made a noble christian record and I doubt not your new building will perpetuate that record. It is a large enterprise, and will require the united energy of all your people and friends to carry it to success, and I have no doubt you will have that.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

It has been decided to begin the call for money for benevolent causes, the first Sunday. It is important that due attention be given the matter by all concerned. The discipline requires it. All expected to respond and help raise the apportionment in full.

In the afternoon of the 1st Sunday at 4 p. m. a Sacred Concert will be rendered under the auspices of Co. B 10th Division. Basil F. Hutchings, General, W. Oscar Johnson, Captain. Splendid musical talent has been volunteered. Bring an offering.

In the evening of the same day a sermon will be preached to the Ladies Church Aid Society. Mrs. Smothers, Prest., Mrs. Wilks, Sec.

Children's Day 2nd Sunday: 11 a. m, sermon by the Presiding elder, Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins, afternoon and evening, Children's Day Program.

Entertainments at the church,-- 6th of June, Mrs. Eliza Jones; 7th, to 11th, J. C. Fortie; 13th, Sunday School; 15th Aarat Williams.

Do not fail to read the advertisements appearing in this issue of The Appeal. The firms are reliable and deserve your patronage.

The old church property in fee, is now for sale. It is very desirable being located in the heart of the business section.

MUSICALE,
 Literary • Entertainment

LAWN PARTY,

Given by the Captains of First Division,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th, 1898.
 AT NO. 1300 DIVISION STREET,
 TICKETS 15 CENTS.

A SPECIAL SERMON,

WILL BE PREACHED BY
Rev. Earnest Lyon, D. D.
 OF THE JOHN WESLEY CHURCH, TO
Marshall Lodge, No. 10, and Sister Lodges
 OF THE
Independent Order, Good Templars,
 AT **Sharp St. M. E. Church,**
Sunday, June 19, '98. at 8 o'clock.

— In interest of —
COMPANY D, 6TH DIVISION.
 JOSHUA ROBINSON, Gen'l. I. H. HOWARD, Capt.
 All members are requested to meet in the Lecture Room of said Church at 7 p. m. in full regalia. By order Jas. H. Smith, Chief Templar.
 All the members of Company "D" 6th Division are hereby requested to meet in Lecture Room of the Church, Sunday the 19th at 7 p. m. to escort the Good Templars. By order I. H. Howard, Capt.

Zenith

Hand
Laundry

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